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Subject: Yakima Irrigation Season Begins

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Yakima Irrigation Season Underway

April 1st marked the start of the irrigation season for the vast majority of residential and business customers in Yakima. That's the day that the systems operated by the City of Yakima's Water/Irrigation Division began delivering water.

All City of Yakima irrigation systems should be fully operational by mid April.

The few other irrigation systems that operate independently from the City systems will also be gearing up during April and should be fully operational by the beginning of May.

Yakima's irrigation season generally runs from early April through mid October.

The City of Yakima has operated an irrigation system since the early 1900s. The system that now exists to deliver water to irrigation customers in Yakima actually consists of 66 individual, smaller systems that were consolidated into a single utility in 1997. Through that utility, the City currently provides irrigation water to about 11,000 customers.